

as I'm sure it was to Burt, although he was always too kind to say so.

I am part of a system that has grown too coarse and venal, and I bear my share of responsibility for that decline. The memory of Burt Barr shames me, as it should shame all of us when we reduce public service to anything other than a noble calling to make our times a moment of hope and opportunity, of decency and unity. All the blessings of his friendship, all the wisdom of his counsel—though I cherish them greatly—will not make of me as good a man as Burt Barr. Only the shame that his memory will visit on me when I stray from his example gives me hope that when my days are near an end, I might know—as Burt knew—the great solace of a life well-lived in the service of something greater than self-interest.

Life will be less pleasant absent the company of this good man. His cheerful nature, his enormous generosity to me, his patience and kindness as he tried to help me become the kind of public servant that not just he, but that I could be proud of, make his loss indescribably profound. But he goes to a reward he so surely deserves, and we cannot begrudge him that.

He will rest now in the field where America buries her heroes. He well-earned his place there, and the place in God's presence we are all promised should we love our fellow man as well as Burt Barr loved us.

Louise, Stephanie, Michael, and Suzanne, there are no words to dull the pain of a loss felt so keenly as you feel that loss of Burt. But I know he wanted for you all the happiness that life affords. He would want you now to live happy and fulfilling lives until the time when by the grace of a loving God you will see him again.●

#### THE RETIREMENT OF PROCTOR JONES

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to salute Proctor Jones on his retirement from the Senate Appropriations Committee and to thank him for his many years of service to the Senate and the Nation. When Proctor retires at the end of this month after an amazing 35 years of public service, the Senate will lose one of its most distinguished staff members. Proctor will be remembered for his professionalism, dedication, and good judgment while working for the Appropriations Committee, and for his work as staff director for the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee for the past 23 years.

Mr. President, I have greatly appreciated all the help Proctor has given my office since I came to the Senate in 1987. North Dakota has many water development needs, and the work Proctor has done on the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee has been critical to helping meet those needs. The Garrison Diversion Project was first authorized in 1965 and was reformulated in 1986 to ensure my State an adequate supply of quality water for municipal, rural, and industrial uses.

Water development in North Dakota is also essential for economic development, agriculture, recreation, and tourism. The Federal Government promised the Garrison project to North Dakota to compensate my State for the permanent flood of over 550,000 acres due to the construction of the Garrison and Oahe Dams. Proctor has played an instrumental role in funding this essential project to meet North Dakota's unmet water development needs and fulfill the Federal Government's promise to my State.

Mr. President, Proctor will be greatly missed by all who worked with him. I know we in the Senate will get our work done without Proctor's talent and ability, but filling his shoes will be a tremendous challenge for those who follow him. I am pleased to know that Proctor will remain in Washington, working with my good friend Senator Bennett Johnston.

Mr. President, I am delighted to wish Proctor all the best upon his departure from the Senate. I thank the Chair and yield the floor.●

#### HONORING DR. GORDON GUYER

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a great man and a great teacher: Dr. Gordon Guyer. Those who have followed Dr. Guyer's career see a man who has accepted challenge after challenge and built a reputation for success.

Dr. Guyer began attending college as a fisheries and wildlife major at Michigan State University in 1947. Dr. Guyer established the foundation for his lifelong work when he shifted his studies to entomology and earned three degrees. In 1954, he became an instructor of entomology at M.S.U., and only 10 years later was named professor and chairman of the Department of Entomology and director of M.S.U.'s Pesticide Research Center.

Dr. Guyer's achievements at Michigan State University have been remarkable. He has served as administrator and director of M.S.U.'s Cooperative Extension Service for 11 years, associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, associate dean of the College of Natural Science, director of the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, and special assistant to the senior consultant to the president of M.S.U.

After retiring from Michigan State in 1986, Dr. Guyer was quickly named director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. However, he was destined to return to the University he loved after only two years as professor emeritus and vice president for governmental affairs.

In September of 1992 he became president of Michigan State University and served in that capacity for over a year. Shortly after leaving the university, he was appointed director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, from which position he retired in October 1996.

Dr. Guyer's success, while well known in Michigan, has spanned the globe. He is an internationally known

entomologist and author of more than 70 scientific papers on aquatic ecology, insect control technology, integrated pest management, public policy and international agriculture.

Finally, throughout his extraordinary career, Dr. Guyer has been blessed by the companionship of his wife Norma Guyer. She is well known for her many activities in support of M.S.U. and its boosters as well as the cooperative extension service.

To honor Dr. Guyer and thank him for his decades of service, Michigan State University is working to establish the Gordon and Norma Guyer Endowed Internship Program. This endowment will provide M.S.U. students a variety of public policy internship opportunities and impart first-hand experience in potential career areas. The Gordon and Norma Guyer Endowed Internship Program will serve young individuals who seek to continue Dr. Guyer's work in agriculture and natural resources. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to two wonderful people.

Dr. Guyer's dedication to Michigan, his contributions in the field of entomology, his focus and determination, and his integrity are an inspiration, and I am proud to call him a friend.●

#### THE FORUM MAGAZINE'S SEVENTH ANNUAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN PIONEER AWARDS

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the recipients of the Seventh Annual African-American Pioneer Awards, hosted by the Forum magazine. In 1991, the Forum magazine began the African-American Pioneer Awards to "document, honor, and celebrate the little-known accomplishments of African-Americans from the Flint community and other parts of Michigan."

I am pleased to congratulate the following recipients of the 1997 African-American Pioneer Award:

Mr. Darwin Davis, a successful businessman and senior vice president of the Equitable. In a 1988 issue of Black Enterprise, Mr. Davis was listed as one of America's 25 most important black executives.

The Velvettes, one of three Motown bands still performing with its original members. The group is comprised of Flint natives Norma Barbee-Fairhurst, Bertha Barbee-Fairhurst and Kalamazoo natives Mildred Gill-Arbor and Carolyn Gill-Street.

Creative Expressions Dance Studio, founded in 1990, which operates under the city of Flint's Parks and Recreation Department. The studio specializes in tap and ballet and has had great success in national and local competitions.

Mr. Mario J. Daniels, founding member of Mario J. Daniels & Associates, P.C., the first African-American certified public accounting firm in Flint-Genesee County.